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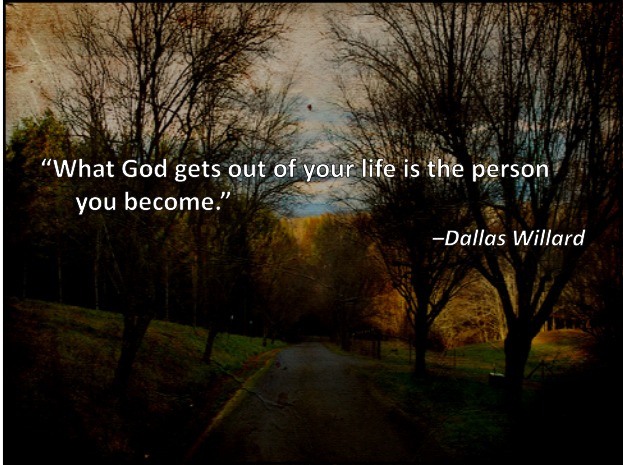
1. God made you to become like Christ.

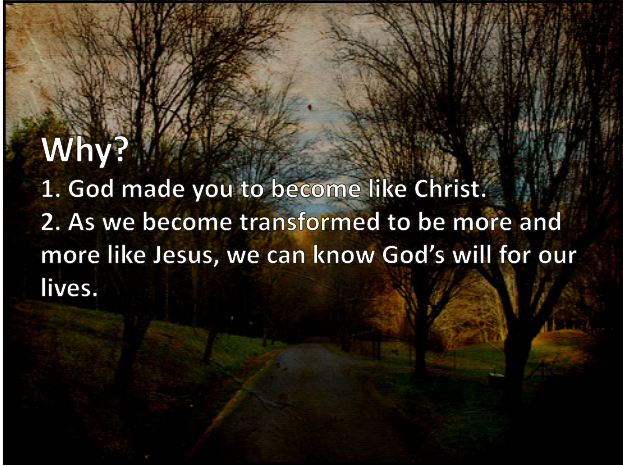


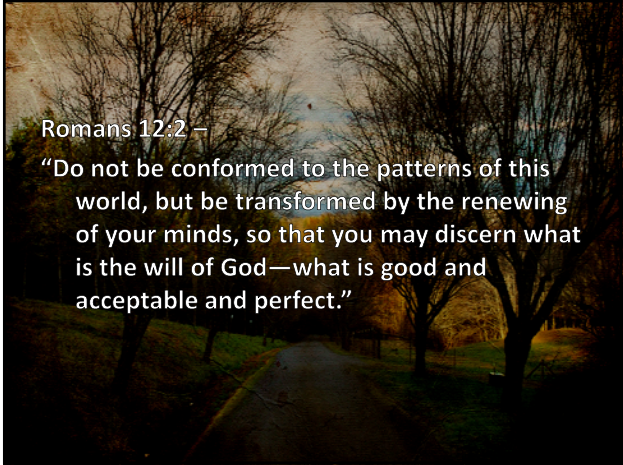
Romans 8:29a—

“For those whom he foreknew he also
predestined to be conformed to the image
of his Son.”

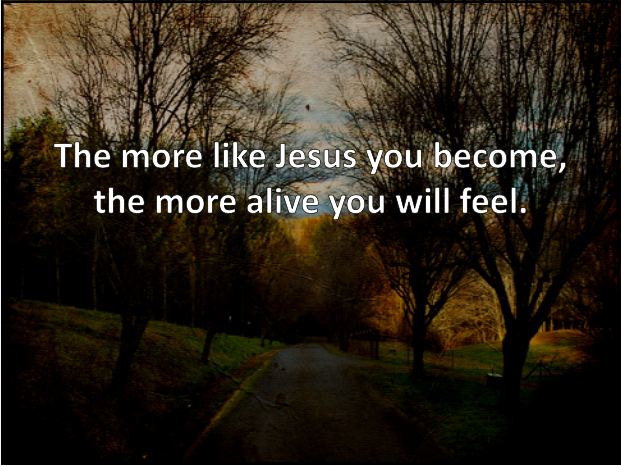


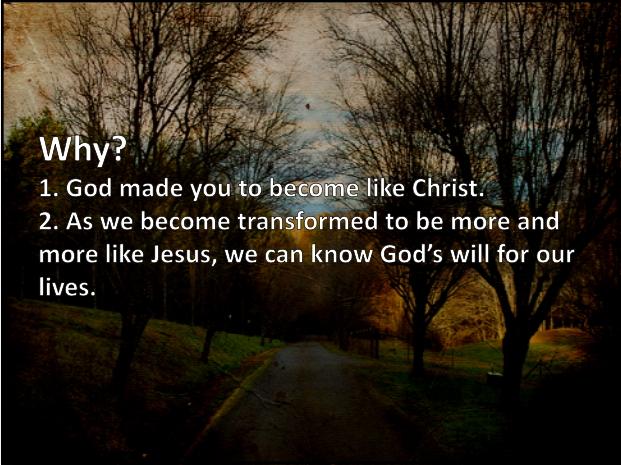












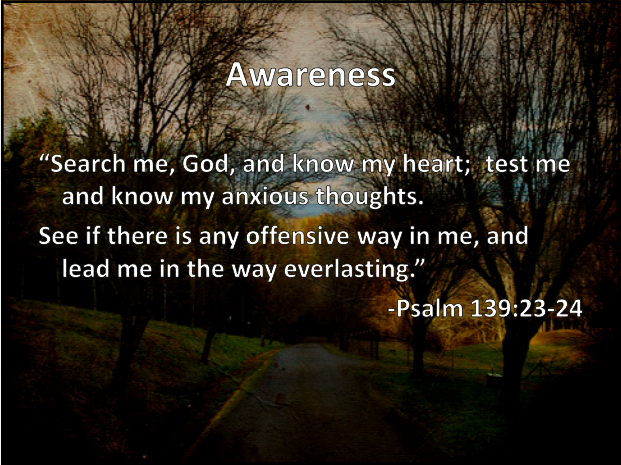
How Can We Become More Like Jesus?

- Awareness
- Attitude
- Approach



Awareness

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”
-Psalm 139:23-24



Awareness

Ask someone:
“What’s it like to be on the other side of me?”



Attitude

“Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.”

-Philippians 3:12-14

Approach

Training vs. Trying

“Spiritual transformation is not a matter of trying harder, but of training wisely.”

-John Ortberg

Approach

Training vs. Trying

“Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.”

-1 Timothy 4:7

Approach

Training vs. Trying

“24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. 27 No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”

-1 Corinthians 9:24-27

The more like Jesus you become,
the more alive you will feel.



Approach

Essential Elements for Training

- Solitude and Silence
- Engaging the Scriptures for Spiritual Transformation
- Prayer
- Self-knowledge and Self-examination

Approach

Essential Elements for Training

- Imitation

“Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

-Ephesians 5:1-2

Approach

Essential Elements for Training

- Imitation

“No spiritual practice is as fundamental to our being formed into the Christ life than imitation. The whole of Jesus’ ministry with his disciples turned on this practice. When we pretend to be what we are not naturally, Jesus Christ mysteriously “injects” his kind of life into ours. And here is the most unthinkable of all—we can imitate God.”

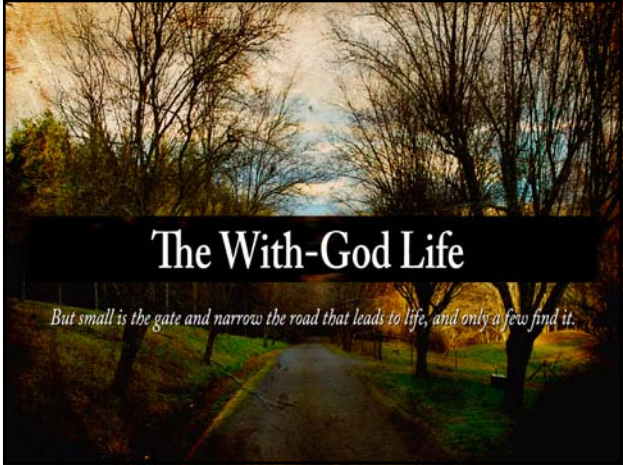


Now What



Now What

- Awareness:
Ask two or three people, "What's it like to be on the other side of me?"
- Attitude:
Commit to striving to become like Jesus.
- Approach:
Create your personal training routine.



The With-God Life

But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.
